

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States; and,

Whereas, Colorectal cancer can be diagnosed in its early stage; and,

Whereas, Less than one-half of men and women over the age of 50 receive screenings for colorectal cancer; and,

Whereas, Adopting a healthy diet at a young age can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer; and,

Whereas, March is designated as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and National Nutrition Awareness Month, because the prevention of colorectal cancer is highly dependent on a healthy diet; and,

Whereas, Education and awareness can help inform the public of prevention methods and symptoms for early detection of this deadly disease:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2007 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH


in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State